THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE V. ESWARAIAH

WRIT PETITION No.3447 OF 2006

Dated: 23-02-2006

Between

K.M. Mahender Reddy,

S/o. K. Mohan Reddy,

Occ: Advocate,

R/o. Street No.14,

Himayathnagar,

Hyderabad.

...PETITIONER

AND

The Commissioner and

Director of Municipal

Administration, Andhra

Pradesh, Hyderabad

and others.

...RESPONDENTS

ORDER:

This writ petition is filed seeking a declaration that the action of the respondents in not paying the balance fees to the petitioner in the matters he appeared on behalf of respondents 2 to 17, pursuant to his letters dated 30.07.2005 as arbitrary and illegal.

The petitioner is a practicing advocate. It is not in dispute that the petitioner was appointed as a standing counsel for the Municipalities in Rayalseema Area (expect Kurnool and Tirupathi) vide Lr.Roc.No.13458/2002/F3 dated 15.07.2002 of the first respondent and he has represented the respondents 2 to 17 before this Court,

Andhra Pradesh Administrative Tribunal, Consumer Forums both State and District, Income Tax Appellate Tribunal, Wakf Board etc. in several cases until his successor has been appointed in the month of December 2004. The petitioner states that he was not paid the legal fee to which he is entitled to in number of cases and therefore he has addressed letters dated 30.07.2005 to the respective respondent municipalities indicating the balance fee payable to him. The only grievance of the petitioner is that the respondents have not paid the balance legal fee even till today and the same has been merely kept pending. Hence, this writ petition.

Having heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and

learned Government Pleader appearing for the respondents and in view of the undisputed fact that the petitioner was appointed as Standing Counsel for the Municipalities and appeared for the respondents during his tenure, and on a perusal of the material on record, which shows that the petitioner has submitted letters to the respondents on 30.07.2005, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition with a direction to the respondents to process the letters submitted by the petitioner dated 30.07.2005 and to make the payment to the petitioner in accordance with law, as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

The writ petition is accordingly disposed of.

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V. ESWARAIAH, J

February 23, 2006

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